NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Clean Fuels and Vehicle Technology Fund Grant and Loan Program.

The Clean Fuels and Vehicle Technology Program Act, Utah State Codes 19-1-401 thru 19-1-405, creates the Clean Fuels and Vehicle Technology Fund in Section 19-1-403. Section 19-1-404 of the Act authorizes the Department of Environment Quality to make rules to establish the procedures for providing grants and loans for qualifying technologies from the Clean Fuels and Vehicle Technology Fund. The Department of Environment Quality is proposing R305-4 to specify these procedures. As proposed, R305-4 defines the procedures for providing loans and grants to government agencies and private sector businesses to convert vehicles to run on a clean fuel, to purchase OEM vehicles, or to retrofit vehicles to provide air pollution reduction benefits and for the purchase of clean fuel refueling equipment for a private sector business vehicle or government vehicle. This rule also establishes criteria and conditions for awarding grant and loan program monies; and loan repayment and the collection of loans.

Section 19-1-405 of the Act also authorizes Air Quality Board to make rules to establish state-wide eligibility requirements for technologies qualified to be awarded grant and loan monies from the fund. The Air Quality Board is proposing R307-123 to specify these requirements. As proposed, the rule defines certification criteria and proof of purchase requirements for eligible technology. A summary of the provisions included in R307-123 are as follows: 1) Eligible equipment to receive monies from the fund are specified as new OEM vehicles, motor vehicles that have been converted to use a clean fuel, and motor vehicles that have been retrofitted to reduce pollution emissions; 2) Certification criteria for motor vehicle conversions, including pollution reduction requirements, are defined in the enabling statute, Section 19-1-405; 3) Certification criteria and for motor vehicle retrofits, including pollution reduction requirements and eligible technology, are defined; and 4) Proof of purchase requirements for eligible equipment are specified. Finally, the Board is also proposing to make other changes to the language throughout R307-121 that will ensure that it is consistent with R307-123.

A public hearings will be held at Wednesday June 20, 2008 at 2:00 pm in Room 201 of the DEQ Building at 168 North 1950 West Salt Lake City, Utah.

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The comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on July 1, 2008. Comments postmarked on or before that date will be accepted. Comments may be submitted by electronic mail to mcarlile@utah.gov or may be mailed to:

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